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TAGS: OREP (LOWENSTEIN, JAMES) (MOOSE, RICHARD)

SUBJECT: BURDENSARING COSTS

REFS: STATE 173009 AND STATE 184137

JOINT STATE-DEFENSE MESSAGE

1. AS INDICATED REFTELS, MESSRS MOOSE AND LOWENSTEIN FROM THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE MAY BE VISITING WITH YOU DURING THEIR TOUR IN EUROPE, AND MAY RAISE QUESTIONS REGARDING BURDENSARING.

2. AS YOU KNOW, WE ARE CURRENTLY NEGOTIATING A NEW OFFSET AGREEMENT WITH THE FRG. WE HAVE ALSO ASKED NATO TO AGREE TO
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A MULTILATERAL BURDENSARING ARRANGEMENT WHICH, TOGETHER WITH

THE FRG BILATERAL ARRANGEMENT, WOULD BE AIMED AT OFFSETTING TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE TOTAL US BOP EXPENDITURES AND THE INCREMENTAL BUDGETARY COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH OUR TROOPS -- ESTIMATED TO BE APPROXIMATELY \$2.7 BILLION AND \$440 MILLION IN FY 74 RESPECTIVELY.

WHILE YOU MAY REFER FREELY TO THESE OVERALL FIGURES, YOU SHOULD AVOID DISCUSSING THE DETAILS OF EITHER THE BOP EXPENDITURES OR INCREMENTAL BUDGETARY COSTS WITH MOOSE AND LOWENSTEIN. YOU SHOULD SUGGEST THEY REFER SUCH QUESTIONS TO THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES IN WASHINGTON WHERE THEY CAN BE PROVIDED WITH THE TOTAL PICTURE.
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